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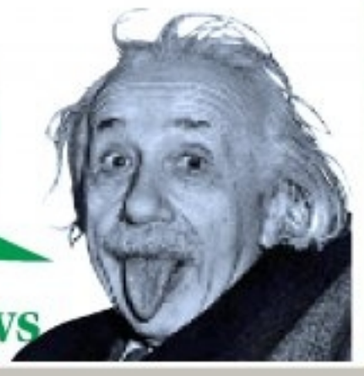

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A memorial for a 22-year-old woman hit by a driver and killed at Bathurst and Eglinton last November. Police announced Thursday the truck driver involved in the collision will be facing charges, including careless driving. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Charges laid against truck driver in pedestrian death

TORONTO'S DEADLY STREETS

Advocates say they are not enough, urge stiffer penalties

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A truck driver is facing charges in the death of a 22-year-old pedestrian — but advocates say the charges are inadequate and the driver is unlikely to see jail time.

The victim was crossing Eglinton at Bathurst on the morning of Nov. 27 when she was hit by a right-turning truck. The 45-year-old driver is facing three relatively minor Highway Traffic Act charges: failing to yield to pedestrian, careless driving and failing to stop at a red light.

Lawyer Patrick Brown, a pedestrian safety advocate, said the most serious charge is careless driving, which carries a fine between $400 and $2,000 or up to six months in jail.

But "what normally happens they plead to one of the two other offences and get a fine," Brown said.

Brown also noted the driver will not be required to appear in court to face the charges. That means he won't be required to hear a victim impact statement from the woman's family.

Brown is among a group of advocates calling on the province to pass a "Vulnerable Road Users" law, which would implement higher penalties for drivers who injure and kill pedestrians and cyclists.

"There is a troubling gap between Criminal Code penalties and the inadequate regime under the (Highway Traffic Act) in cases of death or serious injury," said Albert Koehl, another local lawyer.

Koehl believes the municipal government should also require trucks operating within city limits to have side guards, which can prevent pedestrians from being pulled underneath the vehicle and killed.

LIGHTS OUT

At time of the fatal collision, four streetlights near where the woman was killed were not working. The city and Toronto Hydro were aware of the problem for 10 days prior to the fatal collision, but Toronto Hydro only fixed the lights after being contacted by Metro — three days after the woman's death.

HOMETOWN CELEBRITY

Drake to get key to the city

Mayor John Tory plans to give hometown rap star Drake the key to the city on Friday.

Tory announced the news along with a video and a series of posts explaining the choice on his Twitter account on Thursday.

He wrote that he recently spent time with Drake, who told him he wants to contribute to the city and become "a force of good" for it.

Tory said Drake wants to build the city's music scene, inspire its youth and help address its social issues.

Drake will be in town for this weekend's star-studded NBA all-star festivities, including his role as coach for Canada's team at Friday's celebrity game.

On Monday, the 29-year-old former Degrassi: The Next Generation star will be up for five Grammy Awards, including best rap album for If You're Reading This It's Too Late.

And in April, he's set to release his highly anticipated new album, Views From the 6.

"This is a man who has achieved wild success, by any standard. And more than anything, he wants great things for Toronto," Tory said on Twitter. "This is a man who could live anywhere, but calls Toronto home. He wants us to be proud of him. And we are. I am."

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Drake GETTY IMAGES

A lineup for a shuttle bus during a subway closure last March. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

TRANSIT

More TTC subway closures coming in the spring

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Get used to riding a shuttle bus, Toronto. Subway closures are planned for nearly every weekend between now and July.

The TTC avoids doing maintenance during the cold winter months, spokesman Brad Ross said, but now that spring is nearly here, maintenance-related closures will be coming fast and furious — unlike your rush-hour streetcar.

Starting March 5, a portion of either the Bloor-Danforth or Yonge-University line will be closed most weekends. In fact, closures are slated for seven weekends in a row from April 2 to May 15.

The closures will affect those travelling to a number of local events and festivals, including Hot Docs and Luminato, as well as anyone hoping to catch Dion Phaneuf's first visit to Toronto in an Ottawa Senators jersey March 5.

The work is "absolutely necessary because of the age of the system," Ross said, and includes both state of good repair and the installation of the automatic train control (ATC) system on Line 1.

The new control system is expected to be up and running on Line 1 by 2019, and will increase capacity and reduce delays, Ross said. "It's a case of short-term pain for what will really be long-term gain."

Ross said the TTC co-ordinates with the city to avoid closures during "major" festivals or events, but it's not always possible. "There's never going to be an ideal weekend. There's always something happening in a city of this size."

Shuttle buses will be available during all closures. A full list of the affected weekends can be found on the TTC's website.

The dates are "tentative" and subject to change, Ross said.

MAPPED TORONTO'S ALL-STAR WEEKEND

2016 NBA ALL-STAR

The world of basketball is gathering in Toronto this weekend for the first NBA all-star event ever held outside the U.S. More than 200 basketball stars, plus a few Hollywood celebrities, are coming to town to play, perform and show off their dunk skills. Here's Metro's guide to what's happening and where fans can get a glimpse of the players.

6 True North
Roundhouse Park
Throughout the weekend, the stage in Roundhouse Park will host concerts and other events. Snoop Dogg and Usher are among those expected to perform, and it's a safe bet some NBA stars will be among the crowd.

5 NBA and Special Olympics
Saturday, 2 p.m. at Enercare Centre
NBA players and legends will meet with local Special Olympics youth for a basketball clinic.

4 All-Star Bowling Classic
Saturday, 1 p.m. at The Ballroom, 145 John St.
Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh will host a bowling party in an effort to raise funds for different charities.

2 Celebrity Game
Friday, 7 p.m. at Ricoh Coliseum
Rapper Drake and comedian Kevin Hart will duke it out as the head coaches of the Canadian and American teams, respectively. Celebs and athletes like Milos Raonic, Win Butler and the Property Brothers are expected to hit the hardwood.

3 All-Star Comedy Jam
Friday, 7:30 p.m. at 1 Front St. E.
Shaquille O'Neal will be at Sony Centre for a comedy show, and other NBA stars are expected to show up. Can you say "Kazaam?"

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1 The 65th NBA All-Star Game
Sunday, 8:30 p.m.
East versus West. Last year the West won 163-158, with Oklahoma's Russell Westbrook taking home the game's MVP trophy.

1 Skills Challenge
Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
A select group of players show off their skills in dribbling, passing and three-point-shooting. Keep an eye on Golden State's Draymond Green, considered the best all-around player in the league.

1 Three-Point Contest
Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
The sharpest of the NBA sharpshooters go head-to-head from the three-point line. The Raptors' Kyle Lowry will be among those trying to dethrone Warriors phenom Stephen Curry.

1 Slam Dunk Contest
Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Raptor Vince Carter brought the house down in 2000. Terrence Ross also won the trophy in 2013. No Raptor will be competing this year.

1 Rising Star Challenge
Friday, 9 p.m.
Up-and-coming NBA players will hit the court in a bid to prove themselves future all-stars. Canadian Andrew Wiggins will headline Team World against his Minnesota teammate Karl-Anthony Towns from Team U.S.A.

HEADS UP

Places to spot NBA stars and celebs this weekend

The Thompson Hotel
550 Wellington St. W.
The players will be staying at the Thompson Hotel for the duration of the weekend.

NEST music club
423 College St.
Amber Rose, Andrew Wiggins and Young Jeezy are among the stars expected to appear at the club.

Maison Mercer
15 Mercer St.
The upscale club will be hosting the NBA's Star Power event Friday, led by Washington Wizards point guard John Wall and LeBron James' official DJ.

Design Exchange Nightclub
234 Bay St.
The nightclub will host champion Draymond Green as well as other stars Friday evening.

Now 500 refugees settled in housing

RESETTLEMENT

Those still living in short-term digs given more hope

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

Government-sponsored refugees in Toronto have hit a milestone: 500 of them have found permanent homes in the city.

"Every day leases are being signed," said Mario Calla, head of COSTI Immigrant Services, the organization responsible for settling government-sponsored refugees in Toronto.

More than 1,200 refugees have landed in the city so far, and a steady stream of arrivals is expected to continue for another month, Calla said.

Calla was at COSTI's welcome centre on Lippincott Street on Thursday afternoon, as a group of students at Perth Avenue Public School met Syrian families staying at the centre. The students presented their Syrian counterparts with care packages they'd made, full of toys and school supplies.

Most of the refugee families are staying at the welcome centre — as well as four hotels on the outskirts of the city — while they wait to find housing. Most have been there for at least four weeks.

"The hotels are pretty full, because as the 500 have moved out, 500 have come to take their place," said Calla.

Some of the refugees have told Metro about their concerns over the long wait, and their fears about not being able to afford housing in Toronto.

But with more families moving out, the families who haven't yet found homes are more optimistic, Calla said.

According to Calla, COSTI has strengthened its organization — hiring more staff and readjusting its settlement process — since requesting a five-day pause on refugee arrivals in mid-January.

"I think we turned a corner a couple of weeks ago," he said.

More help may be coming soon.

The federal government has a fund with more than $5 million in corporate donations, which will be available to help the refugees pay the rent.

Calla said he expects the funds will be available in about two weeks.

A Syrian refugee family holds one of the care packages created by Perth Avenue Public School students at COSTI's welcome centre on Lippincott Street. JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

GHOMESHI TRIAL

Lawyers make final arguments

The fate of Jian Ghomeshi now rests with a Toronto judge who is expected to decide next month whether to convict the former broadcaster of sexual assault and send him to jail or declare him innocent.

The Crown said on Thursday that the three women at the heart of the trial were "unshaken" in their allegations against the one-time CBC star, while the defence steadfastly argued that the complainants were unreliable witnesses who lied under oath.

The credibility and the reliability of Ghomeshi's three accusers are key issues for Justice William Horkins as he mulls the case that has triggered a national discussion about the challenges of reporting and prosecuting sexual assault.

Closing arguments. ALEXANDRA NEWBOULD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ghomeshi — the former host of CBC Radio's popular culture show "Q" — pleaded not guilty to four counts of sexual assault and one count of overcoming resistance by choking. His long anticipated trial, which began on Feb. 1, became something of a spectacle, drawing large crowds to a downtown Toronto courthouse.

While the 48-year-old did not take the stand, the bulk of evidence at the trial came from the three women, whose allegations were linked to incidents that allegedly happened in 2002 and 2003.

Ghomeshi's case will return to court on March 24. If convicted on the sexual assault charges, he faces a maximum of 18 months in prison.

A conviction on the choking charge could bring a potential life sentence.

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Flower power

In bloom It's 5:30 a.m. and the Ontario Flower Growers Co-Operative in Mississauga is alive with activity. It's nearly Valentine's Day and florists from across the GTA are bidding to boast the best bouquet in town. **LIZ BEDDALL** METRO

1 Auction action Five days a week in the early hours of the morning, traditionalist buyers who want to see, smell and touch their products pile into their assigned seats and bid on 100-stem pails that pass by on a mechanical track.

2 Will the rose rise again? Traditionally roses were the Valentine's Day go-to. "It's not the case any more," says general manager Ben Vellekoop. Vellekoop lists high prices and a complicated blooming schedule as reasons for the shift. "The gerber daisy is your staple — it's now in every bouquet."

3 Buying beauty Amira Shabason and Tellie Hunt of Coriander Girl, a flower shop in Parkdale, are trying out Ontario Flower Growers for the first time today. "Valentine's Day is insane — you do in one day what you would normally do in two weeks," says Shabason.

4 Goodbye garden At 9 p.m. the warehouse will be empty. About a million pieces from local growers as well as stems flown in from New Zealand, South Africa and Columbia will have been sold with roughly $300,000 reached in sales in an hour-and-a-half. Now that's a blooming business.

VALENTINE'S DAY

Stay warm this chilly weekend

Hearts may be warm in Toronto this Valentine's Day weekend, but Environment Canada calls for lows of -23 C for Friday and Saturday, warming up to a chilly -10 C on Valentine's Sunday. Here's how to celebrate your romance while still staying warm.

1. Sip on a hot toddy

An alcoholic hot drink on a cold day is a great way to warm up from the inside, says Jake Valianes, owner and bar manager of Linwood Essentials on Queen West. The classic recipe is a brown spirit plus sugar, lemon and hot water.

2. Take a food tour

Warm up your tummy with a Valentine's themed food tour, courtesy of Foodies on Foot. For three hours, foodies can sample aphrodisiac-themed eats at restaurants across the city.

3. Matters of the hearth

Hit up fireplace-boasting hotspots like The Ceili Cottage, C'est What or The Brazen Head. And at the end of the night, flip on Netflix and leave that "Fireplace for your Home" video on loop.

4. A hearty hot pot

Hot pot. The name says it all. Take a trip to Morals Village in Chinatown for a meal of boiling broth and ingredients ranging from crab to enoki mushrooms. Remember: double-dipping is for lovers. METRO

Rachel Strickman, a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto, conducts an experiment using various glass beakers. COURTESY KEN JONES/UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Moving up to the head of the glass

ENVIRONMENT

UofT keeping campus cleaner than ever with lab-waste plan

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Back in 2011, Stan Szwagiel noticed labs at the University of Toronto were tossing an increasing amount of glass and plastic beakers into the garbage bin.

So, the grounds manager at the school's St. George campus decided to do something about it.

Szwagiel, along with waste manager Reno Strano, devised a system to collect and recycle glass and plastic containers — everything from Erlenmeyer flasks to petri dishes.

The program has been an enormous success. In 2015, it helped divert nearly 30 metric tonnes of glass and plastic from the landfill, according to the school's annual waste audits.

"The volumes involved are very drastic," Szwagiel said.

The glass and plastic program at UofT is being used as a model by other institutions looking to reduce their lab waste, including Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children.

Labs at UofT go through a lot of containers, Szwagiel said, because many can only be used once, lest they contaminate future experiments.

Rather than send them to the landfill, the waste team at UofT found other ways to reuse them.

Some find a second life on campus, but most are shipped to recycling facilities. The glass is turned into material for sandblasting, Szwagiel said, while the plastic is sent to Asia for reuse or converted into materials like plastic lumber.

Reducing glass and plastic waste is just one part of a broader strategy that has helped the St. George campus divert 72 per cent of waste from local landfills.

In addition to the recycled beakers, the school diverted 47 metric tonnes of e-waste, 300 tonnes of concrete and a whopping 500 tonnes of paper last year.

"It's about the environment. Toronto is strapped for space for its landfill and as an institution we take great pride in reducing our waste and helping the community," Szwagiel said.

YOUTH INITIATIVE

The healthy side of young love

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A group of Toronto youths will be spending Valentine's Day teaching their peers that true love is about respect, equality and consent.

METRAC's Afterschool ReACT Program runs training and counselling sessions in Toronto schools. The goal of the program is to prevent sexual violence by teaching youth the principles of "healthy love."

More than just a lesson about sexual consent, the sessions allow participants to understand their emotions and how to control them, said METRAC's program director Andrea Gunraj.

Members of METRAC's Afterschool ReACT youth peer facilitator team. CONTRIBUTED

"We want our teens to grow into community leaders and be agents of the fight against violence," she said, adding a clear understanding of a healthy relationship helps youngsters become actively involved in their communities.

A healthy relationship, she said, is one that's devoid of any form of bullying or discrimination. Young people are at a higher risk of sexual violence — about one in four are abused in their relationships — and equipping them with tools to stay out of unhealthy dating situations is vital, said Gunraj.

"It's youth talking to youth, so the counselling support is transferred faster and easier," she said.

METRAC has run different teen and youth support programs for the past 15 years. For more information, follow the #HealthyLove hashtag on social media.

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Trudeau, UN warming up

UNITED NATIONS

Ban Ki-moon praises PM for his efforts

United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon praised Prime Minister Justin Trudeau for last year's climate-change charm offensive in Paris, but urged him to spend more of Canada's wealth on the world's poorest people.

The usually staid Ban appeared almost gleeful at times Thursday as he took Trudeau up on his offer to re-engage with the UN during a packed, day-long visit to Ottawa, including high-level meetings on Parliament Hill and a feel-good assembly at a boisterous local high school auditorium.

"I am here to declare that the United Nations enthusiastically welcomes this commitment," Ban declared. He praised not only Trudeau's climate-change advocacy, but his desire to return Canada to its peacekeeping roots - which, he said, Canada helped create under external affairs minister Lester Pearson in the 1950s.

Ban said he had "respect" for the Liberal government's decision to withdraw its fighter jets from the coalition battling Islamic militants. He praised Canada repeatedly for deciding to accept 25,000 Syrian refugees, and for the more than $1 billion in development and humanitarian spending earmarked towards the battle against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant.

Trudeau confirmed that Canada is looking to win a seat on the Security Council as part of a move to renew its relationship with the world body.

"I highlighted to the secretary general that part of Canada wishing to re-engage robustly with the United Nations and in multilateral engagement around the world includes looking towards a bid for the UN Security Council," Trudeau said.

"We're looking at a number of windows in the coming years. We are going to evaluate the opportunities for Canada to mount a successful bid."

Officials have told Trudeau that Canada's next viable window to run might not come until after 2020. The prime minister offered no specific time frame on Thursday.

A return to the council would mark a major comeback for Canada, after the country lost to tiny Portugal in 2010 for a two-year, rotating seat. The Harper government was criticized at the time for failing to make a strong bid for the seat.

Ban said he welcomes Trudeau's plan to rebuild a robust relationship with the UN, saying Canada has a long and distinguished partnership with the organization.

Trudeau said he told Ban that Canada wants to be involved as a peacemaker.

During the tenure of successive Liberal and Conservative governments, Canada's commitment to UN peacekeeping has dropped sharply since the 1990s, when the country deployed thousands of blue-helmeted peacekeepers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

> **We are going to evaluate the opportunities ... to mount a successful bid.** Justin Trudeau on seeking a seat for Canada on the UN Security Council

Trudeau has told Ban Ki-moon he hopes to win Canada a seat on the UN Security Council. CHRIS ROUSSAKIS/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

ALMONTE, ONT.

Councillor dies after shooting

A woman is recovering in hospital after being shot in an incident that killed her father, a councillor in a small eastern Ontario town, and left another man injured.

Sarah Cameron was taken to hospital with what police described as life-threatening injuries on Thursday morning after a shooting at her father's home in Almonte, Ont., about 50 kilometres west of Ottawa.

"It is with profound sorrow and shock that I confirm that my colleague and friend, Coun. Bernard Cameron, died today in a violent incident," Shaun McLaughlin, mayor of Mississippi Mills, Ont., said Thursday.

OPP said officers responding to a 911 call in the small community 50 kilometres west of Ottawa at 7:30 Thursday morning found a man's body and two people in life-threatening condition following a "serious incident." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coun. Bernard Cameron. METROLAND FILE

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Kijiji users fill friend's inbox with imitations of Chewbacca

Emma Jackson
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This Wookiee may have a message. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

Not long ago, in a city two hours away, a Montreal Canadiens forward lost hard in his fantasy football pool.

"Nnnnrrraaaaaaaggggaaaaaaaahhh!" Paul Byron might have cried as he conceded defeat to his friend, Sam Aiello, back in Ottawa.

It was a frightening loss for someone so steeped in competitive sports, but like any rebel fighter — er, hockey player — Byron wasn't giving up.

He started typing.

Two days later, Aiello got a call from Chewbacca. And another, and then another.

Chewie wouldn't leave him alone. The famous Wookiee was calling from across the galaxy; from alien planets like Haliburton, Hamilton and London.

> **He's upset that I beat him in a fantasy football playoff game.**
> Sam Aiello

"I kept getting these random calls. So I put my number into Google and I knew it was him right away," Aiello said.

"Him" being Ottawa-born Byron — known on the arena battlefields as No. 41 — who had crafted a clever Kijiji ad directing Chewbacca impressions to Aiello's voicemail.

"Winner will be judged and contacted by Friday, February 12th," the ad said. "Reward of $50 will go to the winner. Good luck!"

Aiello got six unsolicited impressions. One, apparently, was from an unidentified CFL linebacker, who discovered the prank through Byron's mutual trainer.

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Scientists find gravity wave proof

THEORETICAL PHYSICS

Discovery offers evidence of elusive Einstein theory

Scientists announced Thursday they had discovered direct evidence of gravitational waves, one of Einstein's most important — and elusive — predictions.

They captured the incredibly faint signal by recording the sound of two black holes colliding, an event that occurred 1.3 billion years ago.

"We did it," said David Reitze, executive director of the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO).

"That's the story today. But what's really exciting is what comes next."

Gravitational waves are one of the critical predictions of Albert Einstein's Theory of General Relativity — they are ripples caused by mass moving through the fabric of space-time. With energetic enough movements, those ripples might be big enough for us to measure.

"It's one of the most exciting predictions of the theory," said Luis Lehner of the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.

Yet when scientists celebrated general relativity's 100-year anniversary late last year, no one had yet reported a direct detection of the waves.

The discovery of gravitational waves is far more significant than simply confirming Einstein's predictions.

"It's momentous ... it marks the beginning of our ability to peek at the universe through a completely new window," said Lehner. "It's as if the floodgates are about to be opened."

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MIGRANTS NATO DEPLOYS WARSHIPS TO END SMUGGLING OPERATION Migrants and refugees queue for a meal distributed by volunteers at the passengers terminal in the port of Piraeus upon their arrival from the island of Lesbos on Wednesday. In response to Europe's gravest refugee crisis since the Second World War, NATO ordered three warships to sail immediately Thursday to the Aegean Sea to help end the deadly smuggling of asylum-seekers across the waters from Turkey to Greece. LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

ALAN KURDI

Accused traffickers go on trial

Two alleged people-smugglers are on trial in Turkey accused of causing the death of three-year-old Syrian migrant boy Alan Kurdi and four other people.

The image of the boy — his lifeless body lying face down on a beach in Bodrum — galvanized world attention on the refugee crisis, graphically illustrating the magnitude of the journeys and suffering migrants risk.

Syrian nationals Muwafaka Alabash and Asem Alfrhad face up to 35 years in prison each if convicted of the charges of human smuggling and causing the deaths of five people "through deliberate negligence."

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Alan, left, and his brother Galib Kurdi in an undated photo. HO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Economy leaves bitter taste for beer drinkers

BREWERS

Molson Coors reports lower sales in oil regions

Molson Coors Brewing Co. says a sluggish economy and higher food prices are affecting beer drinking in Canada's oil-rich provinces.

The Denver and Montreal-based company said the beer industry has seen customers, particularly in Alberta, shift from higher-priced premium to economy brands.

Sales volumes have also been slipping in Alberta, as well as in the oil-producing provinces of Newfoundland and Labrador and Saskatchewan.

Molson said its sales volume decreased 5.4 per cent across Canada in the fourth quarter. In January, sales to retailers for at-home consumption fell by more than 10 per cent, or by almost nine per cent excluding the impact of the termination of an agreement to distribute Miller brands.

Part of that decrease can be attributed to macro-economic factors, including higher food prices, said Stewart Glendinning, chief executive of Molson Coors Canada.

"The consumer is under pressure," he said Thursday during a conference call.

"And if you add to that the fact that consumer debt in Canada is at an all-time high, it's made for quite a difficult recipe in some of those provinces."

Sales volumes for Coors Light were also reduced in Quebec by the brewer's decision to raise prices for its flagship brand.

Molson Coors said its net income plummeted 65 per cent to $32.8 million US in the fourth quarter because of lower sales, currency fluctuations and reduced income from operations in Canada and the United States.

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Molson Coors says a slow economy and high food prices are prompting beer drinkers, particularly in Alberta, to shift from higher-priced premium to economy brands. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROLL UP THE RIM

Contest upsets users of reusable mugs

It's a national pastime each winter, as Canadians across the country eagerly "Roll Up the Rim" to win prizes with their morning cups of Tim Hortons coffee.

But now, thousands of reusable mug owners are calling on the popular chain to let them play without being forced to take a paper cup.

Tim Hortons asked to fix contest rules. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"Customers should not be forced to choose between an environmentally conscious option and participating in Roll Up the Rim," a petition at Change.org reads. By Thursday morning, more than 14,000 people had signed on.

The petition was first launched last year by Ally Fraser of Beaumont, Alta. In a post this week, she said she presented the petition to Tim Hortons' corporate head office but did not get a positive response.

"They dismissed our concerns. This year, with so much support, maybe they will finally listen," she wrote.

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STAR WARS

Producers sued

British health authorities have charged the producers of Star Wars: The Force Awakens with four breaches of workplace health and safety laws over an on-set accident in which Harrison Ford broke his leg. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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More than friends
A 2015 study of 522 Hungarians found men and women felt more love, and more jealousy, if their relationship was "Facebook official."

THE BIG THING

CITIES of LOVE

The photo-sharing site Instagram is practically blinding at this time of year with so many shiny rocks on display. Among the 80 million images uploaded daily, the "#Shesaidyes!" ring picture is a contemporary classic. But, according to social media at least, it turns out there are significant geographical differences in regards to where people go to find love — and seal the deal. The U.K. engagement-ring company Ingle & Rhode analyzed 250,000 Instagram photos tagged with #isaidyes, #proposal, #proposed or #heproposed and cross-referenced them with geographic coordinates to rank where the perfect places are for popping the question. Two Canadian cities made the top 25: Vancouver and Toronto. (Famously romantic Paris was 15th, although there was no hashtag search *en Français)*. Is there a great place for a romantic rendezvous in your neighbourhood? Or would you and your Valentine venture to one of these love-tastic locations to put a ring on it?

1. New York City

2. Los Angeles

3. Seattle

4. Miami

5. Chicago

6. Toronto

11. Vancouver

15. Paris

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How love — and Canada — helped me rein in my drinking

Like many of my adolescent peers in Dublin, my relationship with alcohol began young. At 13, I made a pact with friends to smuggle booze from our homes to a secret seaside location, where we would all get drunk for the first time.

Most of my pals brought soft stuff; I came armed with Bacardi white. We proceeded to grimace and gurn through the forbidden libations, pulling hard off our cigarettes to mask the taste. I ended my day violently ill and with an enduring aversion to Bacardi.

This embarrassing introduction should have made me cautious. Nope — my mischievous side, my teenage stamina and my country's culture kept me imbibing through my teens and 20s.

By my late 20s, the recession was kicking in, work at the newspaper wasn't plentiful and I'd just painfully parted ways with a good woman — a recipe for an extended period of self-destruction. Four nights a week, I would quaff wine with dinner, followed by a feed of cans, go clubbing and then wobble home to bed. After three years of this, my newspaper job finally ended for good and I decided to leave Ireland in search of stable employment.

I zeroed in on Toronto: cold, yes, but with hot summers. And no Dublin-like rain. I arrived in wintertime and resumed drinking heavily. Fortunately, I met a lovely local girl, Suzi, who showed me the ropes and, eventually, became my fiancée. Initially we happily boozed and clubbed in tandem, but she soon tired of the binge drinking, went on a serious health kick and eventually became vegan. I did not follow suit. Guilt pangs from booze-ups resulted in me trying to balance my habit with jogging, but I'd often find myself taking premature wheezy walks home.

After a few months I had a job at newspaper and was socializing with workmates. I'd get hammered while my colleagues paced themselves. I admired the Canadians' humble way, but the "craic"-loving side of me yearned for the mayhem of a Dublin night out.

Soon, however, the Toronto approach took hold (it helped that Ontario liquor stores close at 9 on the weekends). Meanwhile, my fiancée's lifestyle and ultra-healthy diet were rubbing off. I was exercising successfully and feeling better. And then I returned to Ireland. Back in Dublin for nine days, I drank eight of those days, got drunk on six and puked on two.

I returned to Canada a husk of a man, resolving to halt my partying ways. I challenged myself to a dry January and made it. If I hadn't moved here or met Suzi, I'd still be drinking too much back home. So thanks, Canada, for helping me to rein in this tricky vice. I'll occasionally drink to that!

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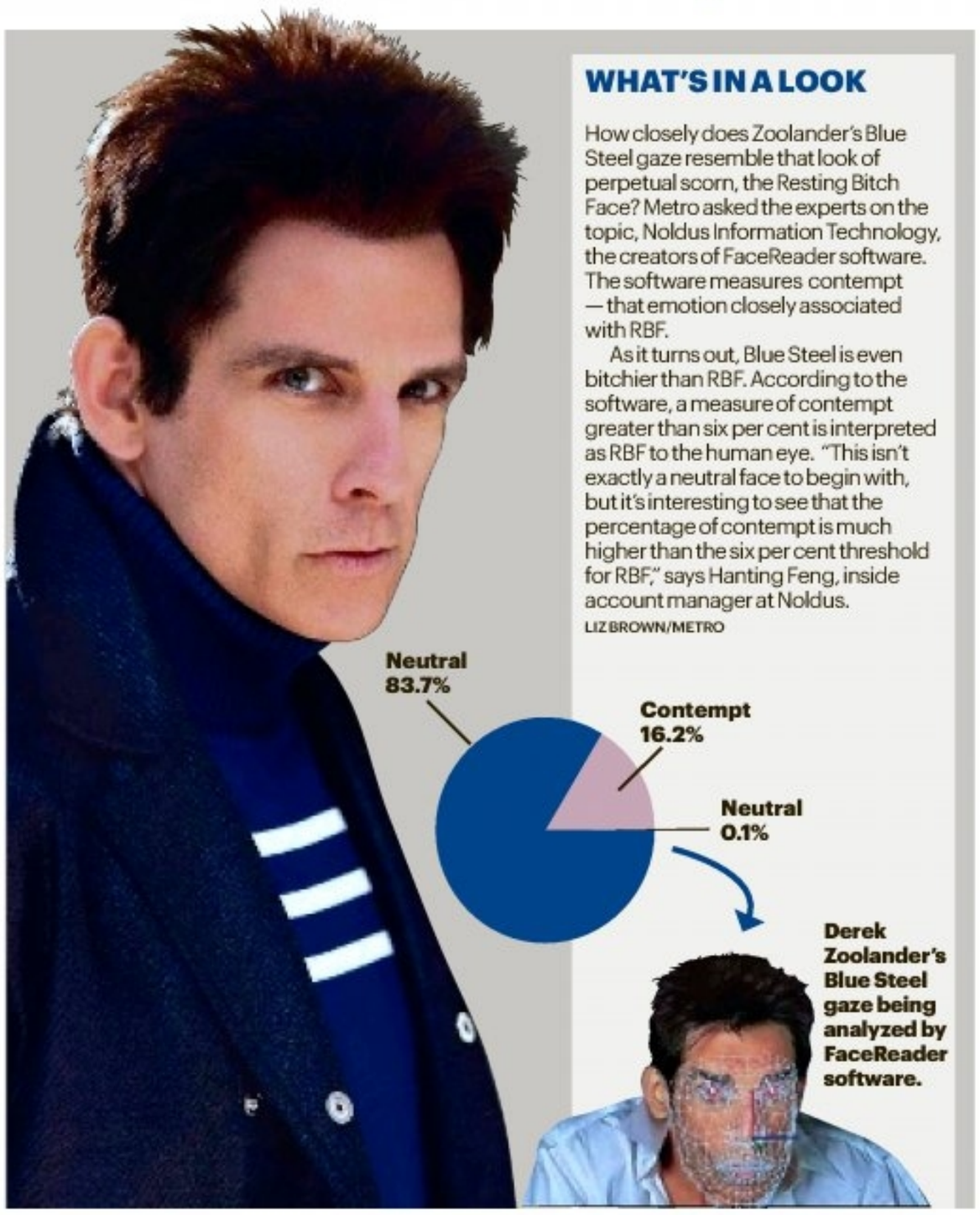


WHAT'S IN A LOOK

How closely does Zoolander's Blue Steel gaze resemble that look of perpetual scorn, the Resting Bitch Face? Metro asked the experts on the topic, Noldus Information Technology, the creators of FaceReader software. The software measures contempt — that emotion closely associated with RBF.

As it turns out, Blue Steel is even bitchier than RBF. According to the software, a measure of contempt greater than six per cent is interpreted as RBF to the human eye. "This isn't exactly a neutral face to begin with, but it's interesting to see that the percentage of contempt is much higher than the six per cent threshold for RBF," says Hanting Feng, inside account manager at Noldus.

LIZ BROWN/METRO

Derek Zoolander's Blue Steel gaze being analyzed by FaceReader software.

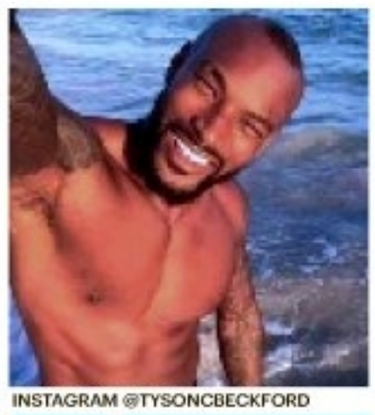
It's been 15 years since Derek Zoolander's really, really, ridiculously good-looking face graced the silver screen. But he's back this weekend, and he's middle aged, even dabbling in the anti-aging cream market with a NYC-based Kiehl's pop-up shop called the Derek Zoolander Center for People Who Don't Age Good. A Metro investigation dug up a few more middle-aged male models and discovered that, unlike the rest of us, they do age good. LIZ BROWN/METRO

TYSON BECKFORD

Age: 45

Career: Beckford was discovered in New York City and recruited to be the face of Ralph Lauren Polo in 1993. He was also in the original Zoolander.

Still got it: Just last year Beckford was showing some skin as celebrity host of the Chippendales at the Rio in Las Vegas. With abs of steel and a face as soft as a baby's behind, Beckford isn't shelving his strut any time soon.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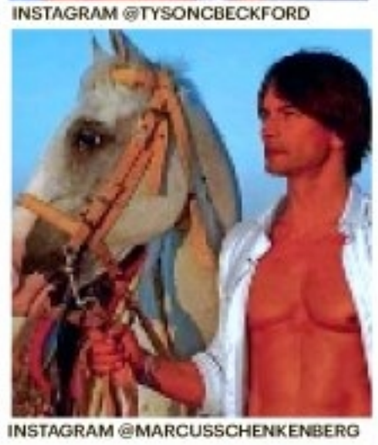
MARCUS SCHENKENBERG

Age: 47

Career: Schenkenberg gained notoriety with his nearly nude in the shower shoot for Calvin Klein in 1991. In the early 2000s he was linked to Pamela Anderson and Jessica Simpson.

Still got it: A cursory glance of his Instagram account will morph into an afternoon creep session involving abs, gratuitous gym shots and shirtless shoots with horses. It'll leave you wondering what the specifics of his Faustian bargain might be.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MARK VANDERLOO

Age: 47

Career: Vanderloo is the man upon which Derek Zoolander's character is loosely based (The Zoolander name is said to be a riff on Vanderloo). You've likely seen him looking chic for Hugo Boss, where he's been one of their main models since 2005.

Still got it: Do you like a strong jaw? Do you like sexy weathering? Do you like a man who looks like your friend's hot dad you secretly lusted after in high school? We thought so.

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REACTION

Metro readers respond: Show us your best 'Blue Steel'

I think we all use this look to make our cheek bones look extra fleek. — Andrea Llewellyn

From left: Dyna Tuytel, Kat Gajewska, and Andrea Llewellyn of Calgary

This is my daughter Piper at two months old showing her best Blue Steel. Her uncle argues she is actually doing Le Tigre!

Kelly Macdonald, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

I opted for #LeTigre. Gotta keep #Magnum under wraps until it's ready.

Nicholas Mizera, Toronto

Ryan Reynolds: Skills unmasked

A MAN OF MANY PARTS

Deadpool star not just a hot dude with 'tude

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

Ryan Reynolds plays the mouthy antiheroic comic book superhero Deadpool in the eighth installment of the X-Men film series. CONTRIBUTED

Look! Up on the screen! It's Blade: Trinity. It's The Proposal. It's Ryan Reynolds!

Yes, it's Ryan Reynolds, strange visitor from Vancouver who came to Hollywood with powers and abilities beyond those of mortal men. He speaks faster than a speeding bullet! He can leap tall scripts in a single bound! He's more versatile than a roomful of Sexiest Men Alive!

I've paraphrased the famous opening of Superman, even though Reynolds has never played Superman in the movies. Careerwise, however, he has been a super man, leaping from genre to genre, piecing together an IMDB page so varied it'll make your head spin.

This weekend brings us another exciting episode in the adventures of Ryan Reynolds.

In Deadpool he's a former Special Forces operative subjected to an experimental treatment that gifts him with regenerative healing power and increased agility. Unfortunately it also leaves him filled with rage; thirsty for revenge against the doctor who changed his life. The character's greatest superpower, according to Reynolds, "is annoying the s— out of people."

It's not the first time the 39-year-old actor has played someone with superpowers. It's not even the first time he's played Deadpool. That character debuted in X-Men Origins: Wolverine and he starred as Captain Excellent in Paper Man, the darkly heroic Hannibal King in Blade: Trinity as well as donning the super-tight tights of the Green Lantern.

When he isn't battling crime, however, Reynolds has been more adventurous in his roles than people give him credit. Peppered throughout his major Hollywood successes like The Proposal have been roles like The Amityville Horror's psychologically unstable father, Woman in Gold's relentless lawyer, and the crackhead Gary in the thriller The Nines.

Successful or not, those movies showcased a performer looking to stretch his acting muscles (and not just display his prodigious ab muscles). Here are some other Reynold's roles that show his super-versatility:

The Voices: Reynolds plays the wholesome-looking Jerry, an eager to please factory worker with a crush on the cute accountant upstairs. When she stands him up for a date it becomes apparent Jerry has serious problems. As bodies pile up he grapples with voices in his head that tell him to do terrible things. Kitschy, strange and decidedly off kilter, The Voices has funny moments but revolves around Reynolds's winningly odd performance.

Buried: Reynolds is a civilian truck driver in Iraq, taken hostage, buried underground, who will be left to die unless a ransom is paid. The entire movie happens inside the four walls of a coffin with only Reynolds and a cell phone on display. Unable to rely on his usual comic timing and bulging muscles, Reynolds hits a career high, keeping the audience intrigued for most of the 90-minute running time.

The Change-Up: Starring Reynolds and Jason Bateman, this film is like several movies in one. It's part gross-out comedy, part heart tugger and all switcheroo. The set-up is Freaky Friday simple; the two leads swap personalities but it works because Bateman adds a little hyper Van Wilder inflection to his speech and Reynolds drops his energy a few notches to match Bateman's more laconic style. Both are likeable actors, with charm and charisma to burn.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Zoolander 2	★
Deadpool	★★★★

HOW RATING WORKS	
★★★★	SEE IT
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★	SKIP IT

Who needs a boyfriend anyway?

Given the film's title, it's not unreasonable to expect the stars of How to Be Single to have a few thoughts on, well, how to be single. The leading foursome bring a variety of experience to the topic, from Leslie Mann, who's been married for two decades, to Dakota Johnson, who is currently living the single life in New York City. Alison Brie, meanwhile, recently got engaged to beau Dave Franco, and Rebel Wilson thinks it might be time to rethink the whole "eternally single" thing. Here's where they stand on the topic NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

1 LESLIE MANN — "I've been married for 20 years. I can't even remember anymore being single," Mann admits. "I had so much shame when I was single. I would make out with a lot of people but I would never have sex because then I would feel bad. But I made out with everyone. And some dry-humping."

Mann is pleased, though, with the state of the world for single women today versus when she was in her 20s. "I'm excited for my daughters to see the movie because I love the message," she says. "This is going to sound weird but I tell my daughter Maude, who is 18 now, she's an adult, but I always tell her, 'Just show off your boobs! You have great boobs. And it doesn't get any better. I know what happens. Just enjoy them now, enjoy this time.'"

2 DAKOTA JOHNSON — "I am a single person. I love that I'm alone all the time. I love sleeping next to no one. I really don't want to be cuddled. I love to have dinner by myself," she says with a laugh. But seriously, though. "No, I actually like spending time by myself. I kind of cherish my time alone. I like solitude, so that's nice. But then being single also sucks sometimes — because you're single."

Johnson appreciates that How to Be Single shows women in a more liberated, sex-positive light. "With this film, I was attracted to the positive outlook on women, especially, exploring relationships with different people and being confident and comfortable and strong," she says. "That was the kind of thing that was appealing to me, because that's what's real, and it's honest and there's nothing to be ashamed of. That's what single women do."

3 REBEL WILSON — "I'm, like, eternally single, and I think I like it a bit too much, and I need to be more open to the possibilities of love," Wilson muses. "I'm very independent, I always have been. I went to an all-girls school and we were really taught to be independent. Although, one teacher did try to teach us how to marry a rich man and kill him. The science teacher, she would tell us, like, how to dampen the sheets and stuff, and sometimes we'd really listen to that. But we were always encouraged to go out and live our own lives. And from my own mother, as well, she's like, 'Don't have kids too young, because it will ruin your life.'"

Sound advice, though Wilson is starting to think that maybe she's had her fun already. "Now I'm at the point where things are going so well that I'm trying to, like, look for the right person. I just haven't found him in Hollywood. Surprise, surprise," she says. "I don't like smoking. And then maybe, like, lying? When they say they didn't have a fiancée, and their teammates supported that, and then I find out a few months later they did in fact have a fiancée back in their hometown? That's a bit bad. Yeah."

4 ALISON BRIE — "I think my favourite part about being single is just being able to do whatever you want, the freedom. You are your own person," Brie says. "Aside from your close friends and your family, you don't have to always be thinking about maybe whatever move you're making, how that is going to affect the person in your life. You kind of can fly by the seat of your pants. That's what I really liked about being single. It felt very fun and spontaneous."

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THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Despite the familiarity and a few heavy-handed moments, Vinyl is thrilling, contagious and good TV

The worst part about cold and flu season is when Martin Scorsese is supposed to show up in Toronto to introduce the pilot of the new HBO show Vinyl he directed but he's a no-show because he's sick.

Simon and I had even prepared serious questions to lob at "Marty," despite there being no scheduled audience Q-and-A. Him: "When was the last time you got through a whole day without someone saying: 'You talkin' to me?'" Me: "Do you know what 'Bobby' De Niro's favourite pasta was when he ate his way through Italy and gained 60 lb. for Raging Bull?"

But Bobby Cannavale, who stars as big time record label president Richie Finestra in the 10-part series premiering Sunday, was in good health — and great humour: "I love coming up here," he said on stage at the TIFF Bell Lightbox in Toronto. "Every time [I'm here] is to premiere a movie that goes on to be watched by nobody ... all those movies — I'm of course proud to be a part of — have brought me to this moment. It's like I've finally been traded to the Yankees."

"God, he's got a great head of hair," Simon whispered.

"God, he's got great charisma," I replied.

"I think what you're about to see is unlike anything you've ever seen before," producer Terence "Terry" Winter warned the audience, "certainly not on TV, maybe even in movies."

Not exactly: There are drugs, blood, breasts — even, B-roll (albeit unseen) from Taxi Driver. But don't get me wrong, the two-hour pilot was highly entertaining.

THE SERIES: VINYL

THE MEAL: POPCORN

I was stomping my feet to the music, covering my eyes from the violence, and laughing out loud, which are all signature Scorsese moves, not to mention his jumping chronologically in the narrative, epic swirling hand-held shots and directing a supporting cast — think Andrew Dice Clay, Ray Romano and Max Casella — who surprise and shine in their roles.

Even Vinyl's setting — New York 1973, a pivotal point in music when the foundations of disco, punk and hip hop were laid — feels like it's been mined before. It's also the year Scorsese's Mean Streets came out, whose soundtrack, coincidentally, features music by Mick Jagger, who shares a Vinyl executive producer credit with him — and which trumpeted Scorsese as a director who uses music as though it were a supporting character. "Music and film are almost one and the same," he wrote in Gramophone. "There's the rhythm, the pace of music — and the equivalent of that in film is the camera movement, how long you hold a shot on screen before you cut, if you don't cut, the look on a person's face."

Despite the familiarity (including faces: Jagger's son James also stars in the series), and a few heavy-handed moments, like when Richie accidentally 'discovers' hip hop while driving through South Bronx in his chauffeured Mercedes on his way home to Greenwich — Vinyl is thrilling, contagious and good TV.

The music had been so loud that when we left the theatre into the cold our ears were ringing. "It feels like we just went to a concert," Simon said. And although we hadn't had dinner, we weren't hungry on account of the popcorn we devoured, which doesn't necessarily pair well with the '70s New York music scene but it's quintessential movie food. And Vinyl is quintessential Scorsese, who personifies film and therefore popcorn.

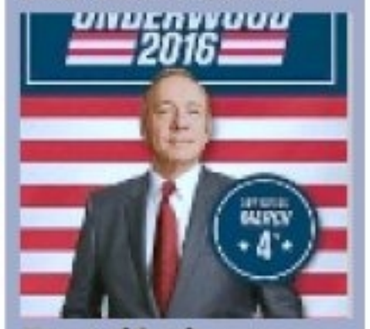
Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

TV BRIEF

Binge on House of Cards Season 4 starting March 4

Netflix has released the official trailer for season four of their award-winning political drama House of Cards. Season four will see the return of Kevin Spacey as Democrat politician Frank Underwood, who will again be joined by Robin Wright as his equally ruthless wife Claire.

Scream actress Neve Campbell will also be joining the show, although her character has not yet been revealed. The fourth season will be released on Netflix March 4, will all new episodes released at the same time so fans can watch as and when they wish. Netflix have already announced that a fifth season of the show will air in 2017. AFP



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Out on the town with family

Tanya Enberg

Whether you're craving quality family time outdoors, are seeking heart-pounding thrills, or simply desire a winter warm-up with roasted marshmallows, mapping out your Family Day itinerary for Feb. 15 could be as enjoyable as the holiday itself. Well, almost.

Harbourfront Centre
There is plenty going on at Harbourfront Centre (235 Queens Quay W.) Wander into the Brigantine Room where a free, interactive scene awaits with a snow-globe-inspired installation featuring sound, shadow puppeteers and the swirls of live skaters (11 a.m. – 5 p.m.)

Head to the Lakeside Terrace to meet hockey legend Wendel Clark and leave with a signed puck from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Feeling inspired to hit the ice? Pack up your skates and head to the Natrel Rink. You can also rent gear once you get there. Skate rental: Adult: $8, children (12 and under)/ seniors: $6.

CN Tower
Heighten the Family Day experience at the CN Tower (301 Front St. W.). Zip up 1,136 feet in a glass-front elevator in just 58 seconds for a view of the city. After, head down for a heart-jolting view straight through the glass floor. Don't worry about the glass — it can bear the weight of about 35 moose. Meantime, take part in National Flag of Canada Day, also Feb. 15, with flags, stickers and various giveaways. At night, a special lighting ceremony is taking place. Prices and packages vary.

Hockey Hall of Fame
Save big this Family Day as the Hockey Hall of Fame (30 Yonge St.) offers free admission for up to four kids (age 13 and under) with the purchase of one regular price adult ticket.

Touch the coveted Stanley Cup, tour the massive collection of all things hockey, and take part in simulation games.

Admission: Adult, $18; children (ages 4-13), $12 and free for kids 3 and under. Kids (12 and under) can also eat free if you pair your visit with a meal at Lone Star Texas Grill (212 King St. W.)

Ontario Science Centre
Boost your DNA smarts at the Ontario Science Centre's (770 Don Mills Rd.) new exhibition Mammoths and Mastodons: Titans of the Ice Age, Feb. 12-April 24. Maximize hands-on learning. Put on your scientist cap and extract DNA from fruit, marvel at fossils and life-sized replicas of extinct creatures, create a candy or origami DNA model, and learn the science and technology used to excavate and analyze tusks, teeth, skin, hair and stomach contents.

Tickets: Adults $22; youths (ages 13-17) $16; children (ages 3-12) $13, and free for kids 2 and under.

ROM
The festive spirit will be soaring with Family Day activities at the ROM (100 Queen's Park), inspired by the Lunar New Year.

From lion dances set to the rhythmic beat of drums, Kung Fu displays, fortune telling, Chinese calligraphy demos and music performed by the Toronto Chinese Orchestra, there is something happening for at every age (from Feb. 13 – 15). Tickets: Adults, $17; children (4-14) $14, and kids 3 and under free.'

Pack up your skates and head to the Natrel Rink. You can also rent gear once you get there.
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Downsview Park
Bring on the giggles at Downsview Park (40 Carl Hall Rd.) during Family Fun Fest featuring a 30,000 square-foot indoor amusement park. The INDOOR FUN ZONE features 30 rides, jumping castles, slides, an arcade, carnival games and entertainers making the rounds daily. From Feb. 13-15. (Times vary) Admission: children, $25 (unlimited rides); adults, $8.

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Colorado, two ways

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1 On a budget?

Go to picturesque Copper Mountain, which is less than a two-hour drive from Denver International Airport.

Where to stay

Copper Mountain Resort's family-friendly ski-in, ski-out lodges' condos start from $142 US/night and are casual (think lots of pine) but cozy (hello, fireplace).

Most lodges are equipped with a hot tub, gym and ski locker. With activities and restaurants spanning three Villages (there's a complimentary shuttle between each village) and ski rentals right at the foot of the mountain in Center Village, you get to spend more of your vacation time on the slopes and enjoying apres-ski life.

Where to ski

The mountain naturally divides into sections for beginners, intermediate and advanced, so if you're a newbie on skis or a board you can stick to the lower mountain or the green runs, which are far from the more difficult runs, so there's no need to fret about accidentally ending up on a black diamond.

Expert skiers, on the other hand, can head straight to shredding the bowls at Copper such as Resolution and Union, where they can find fresh snow on powder days. Download the Copper Mountain Sherpa app before you go so you can follow fellow skiers, track the vertical feet you ski, your speed, hear "audibles" (tips and messages) left by other skiers at certain points of the mountain, get run suggestions and more.

Where to eat

For breakfast, go to Endo's Adrenaline Bar & Grill in Center Village (the huevos rancheros makes for filling ski fuel).

Feeling peckish on the mountain? At the top of the American Eagle chairlift, grab a Belgian waffle or warm cup of soup at Flyers Soup Shack.

Come evening, swap the ski gear for smart casual attire and head to the posh C.B. Grille, located in Center Village, and dig into fresh local fare such as its striped bass and Angus beef.

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2 Want to splurge?

About a one-hour drive from Montrose Regional Airport, Telluride offers slopes that are as good as Aspen but without the hype. Stay at luxe The Peaks Resort & Spa, where you can rest in your modern spacious suite, get a top-notch massage for your ski-weary muscles at the spa, and enjoy ski-in, ski-out access to Telluride Ski Resort.

This historic mining town, which you may recognize from Quentin Tarantino's flick, Hateful Eight, sits in a box canyon (read: unbeatable mountain vistas) where you can shop along its charming main street in town (get on the free gondola to get there) before dinner at Allred's. Everything there is a sure bet, but meat lovers should not miss the tender, juicy cider-brined Berkshire Colorado pork chop.

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5 L.A. HOTSPOTS THAT'LL MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A STAR

It's Oscar season in Los Angeles. With the 88th annual Academy Awards scheduled for Feb. 28, here are five places in L.A. to soak up those glitzy Oscars vibes and maybe even run into one of the nominees if you're lucky.

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1 Arclight Hollywood

One of the most striking movie theatres in the country, the Cinerama Dome has hosted oodles of film premieres since opening in 1963. It has more than 800 seats and looks like an enormous white golf ball chopped in half. With reserved seating, cushy stadium seats, a bar and cafe, and various film exhibits, the Arclight Hollywood is a popular place for movie fans and celebrities alike.

2 The Peninsula Beverly Hills

The Peninsula Beverly Hills hotel is known as the ultra-luxe stay for Oscar nominees. For those who can afford some true Oscars-worthy pampering, the hotel offers services such as a week-long "Red Carpet Ready" package of personal training sessions and spa treatments.

3 Runyon Canyon Park

Those tabloid photos you see of celebrities and their pooches huffing it up a winding dusty path? More than likely, they're photos of Runyon Canyon, a 160-acre nature park nestled in the Hollywood Hills. Hit the park's trails for panoramic views of L.A. at the top or join a yoga in the park class.

4 The Grove

With its sprawling swath of swanky stores, including Barneys New York, Swarovski and Diane von Furstenberg, this outdoor retail centre always attracts a slew of movie stars, from Mark Wahlberg to Oscar winner Halle Berry. Walk along the main path, or take a quick trolley ride to the historic Farmers Market next door.

5 FIDM Museum

Anyone who covets the spiky, apocalyptic clothes in Mad Max: Fury Road or the silky 1920s outfits in The Danish Girl, both nominated for best costume design Oscars, will love the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising Museum's 24th annual Art of Motion Picture Costume Design exhibit.

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SURVEY

Travellers more likely to crank up love life on vacation

The results of a new travel survey released ahead of Valentine's Day reveals a few golden nuggets on American behavior, including the fact that 11 per cent of travellers have pretended to be single while on the road, and that the highest percentage of members in the Mile High Club can be found in the 65-plus set.

The results of the survey conducted by online booking site Cheapflights.com show that overall, Americans are more inclined to crank up their flirting game while travelling and open up to amorous possibilities, including meeting new people and seeking out unconventional milieus in which to christen their love.

For example, 33 per cent of the 1,000 online respondents said they've had sex in an unconventional setting while travelling.

Overall, 45 per cent said their libidos spike and that they're more in the mood to make nookie when travelling.

The survey revealed interesting gender divisions which suggest that overall, men are flirtier, randier, and, dare we say it, less scrupulous while on the road.

According to Cheapflights.com, boomers are most likely to have had sex in an airplane, while men are twice as likely as women to pretend to be single while travelling. ISTOCK

Not only do men flirt more than women (33 per cent vs 23 per cent), they also admitted to flirting more with fellow travellers and putting on their A-game with flight crew and hotel staff. Men are also twice as likely to pretend to be single while on a trip (14 per cent vs 7 per cent). When it comes to hooking up with a stranger while on vacation, more than a quarter (26 per cent) of men said they've gone and done so, compared to 15 per cent of women.

As for the Mile High Club, nine per cent of men report to being a full-fledged member, versus just two per cent of women.

The fantasy of getting their rocks off at 35,000 feet is also stronger among men, with 43 per cent of male respondents expressing interest, compared to half of that for women.

The highest percentage of members who've been sworn into the club belongs to the 65 and older crowd. AFP

TRAVEL NOTES UNITED NATIONS, JULIA CHILD, PHILLY

Tourism makes one tenth of the world;'s economy: UNWTO

According the United Nations World Tourism Organization, the travel industry now employs hundreds of millions of people and accounts for a tenth of global economic output. Last year the sector grew 4.4 per cent, with 1.2 billion people taking a trip outside of their country. Europe (including Russia) remains the most visited region, followed by the Asia-Pacific region, and the Americas. AFP

Europe remains the most-visited region in the world. SHUTTERSTOCK

Julia Child's summer home open to guests this summer

Julia Child fans will soon be able to potter about in the legend's kitchen and sleep under the same roof she did when the chef's vacation home in France opens to visitors this summer. For nearly three decades, Child and her husband Paul spent their summers at La Pitchoune located in Provence. Now it will be a guest house and 'culinary retreat,' serving up cooking lessons. AFP

Booking start in June for Child's summer home. FACEBOOK

Philadelphia tops Lonely Planet's list of 10 best U.S. destinations

Travel experts at Lonely Planet have declared 2016 the year of Philadelphia, as it marks the 40th anniversary of the iconic film Rocky this year. In their list of 10 best U.S. destinations, the travel guide gave Philadelphia the top spot — the latest in a string of accolades for the city. Last year, Philadelphia became the first World Heritage City in the U.S., a distinction it shares with Paris, Rome, Cairo and Kyoto. AFP

Independence Hall in Philadelphia. SHUTTERSTOCK

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THE STARS ALIGN

West starters

STEPHEN CURRY
PG, Golden State Warriors
29.8 PPG, 6.5 AST, 5.3 REB
Salary: $11.3M
• Third all-star appearance

The reigning MVP and the league's leading scorer — without Curry this isn't an all-star game.

RUSSELL WESTBROOK
PG, Oklahoma City Thunder
24 PPG, 10 AST, 7.6 REB
Salary: $16.7M
• Fifth all-star appearance

Westbrook is nearly averaging a triple-double. As last year's MVP award shows, the all-star game matters to him.

KOBE BRYANT
SF, L.A. Lakers
16.9 PPG, 4.2 REB, 3.5 AST
Salary: $25M
• 18th all-star appearance

Will this game play out similarly to Michael Jordan's sendoff in 2003, where his teammates conceded to him and gave him every chance to win a double OT game?

KAWHI LEONARD
SF, San Antonio Spurs
20 PPG, 6.6 REB, 2.4 AST
Salary: $16.4M
• First all-star appearance

An impressive resumé: 2014 finals MVP, 2015 defensive player of the year and all-defensive first team selection.

KEVIN DURANT
SF, Oklahoma City Thunder
27.7 PPG, 8.1 REB, 4.5 AST
Salary: $20.1M
• Seventh all-star appearance

The No. 1 free-agent-to-be will be answering a lot of questions about his off-season intentions this weekend.

East starters

KYLE LOWRY
PG, Toronto Raptors
21 PPG, 6.2 AST, 5.0 REB
Salary: $12M
• Second all-star appearance

The 29-year-old has helped lead the Raptors to their best-ever record through 50 games.

LEBRON JAMES
SF, Cleveland Cavaliers
25 PPG, 7.1 REB, 6.4 AST
Salary: $22.9M
• 12th all-star appearance

The road to an NBA title has gone through James' built-for-football body the last five years.

DWYANE WADE
SG, Miami Heat
18.7 PPG, 4.7 AST, 4.1 REB
Salary: $20M
• 12th all-star appearance

Wade's scoring is at its lowest since his rookie year of 2003-04, but he's able to turn back time when called upon.

PAUL GEORGE
SF, Indiana Pacers
23.4 PPG, 7.1 REB, 4.0 AST
Salary: $17.1M
• Third all-star appearance

He's started in all of the Pacers' games this season and is averaging a career best in points.

CARMELO ANTHONY
SF, New York Knicks
21.1 PPG, 7.8 REB, 4.2 AST
Salary: $22.8M
• Ninth all-star appearance

Anthony's strong all-around numbers have him back on the league's big stage for another year.

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T.O. set to sizzle

Raptors guards DeMar DeRozan, left, and Kyle Lowry will represent the Eastern Conference in Sunday's all-star game.
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2016 NBA ALL-STAR

Mid-season showcase lands north of border

Chris Bosh set foot in Toronto on Thursday and before he could put his hand to his phone, a probably unwelcome but familiar feeling hit him and stung any exposed skin, tensing his entire six-foot-11 frame.

"It. Is. COLD," the former Raptor, now an 11-time NBA all-star and six-year member of the Miami Heat, tweeted.

He's certainly not wrong.

The temperature is expected to dip to -23 C on Friday and Saturday night.

If nothing else, the cold lines up perfectly with the arrival of basketball Christmas in Toronto. The NBA and all its best players and personalities and the parties that come with them are in Canada for all-star weekend.

The festive feeling that started to percolate in downtown Toronto on Thursday will bubble and brew Friday and roar into a basketball-themed beast of its own for the weekend, culminating in the all-star game Sunday.

LeBron James and Kobe Bryant are in Toronto. So is Stephen Curry and his Splash Brother, Klay Thompson. Bosh, Dwyane Wade, Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook. The insanely talented list goes on and on. Paul George, Carmelo Anthony, DeMar DeRozan and Kyle Lowry.

> Literally we were writing down our hopes, our dreams, our visions for the Raptors. And one of the dreams was to play the first international all-star game outside of the U.S
>
> Isiah Thomas, the Raptors' first-ever general manager

Given the magnitude of the talent assembled for Sunday's game, the weekend starts off almost inconspicuously Friday with the NBA celebrity game and its 7 p.m. tipoff at Ricoh Coliseum.

There's a distinctly Canadian flavour to the game, with Drake coaching a Canadian team alongside two-time NBA MVP Steve Nash against comedian Kevin Hart's U.S. team.

Drake and Nash will oversee a team that features Jose Bautista, Milos Raonic and former players Tracy McGrady, Rick Fox and Tammy Sutton-Brown. Actor Nick Cannon and former Raptors Chauncey Billups and Muggsy Bogues are on Hart's team.

Next comes the Rising Stars Challenge at Air Canada Centre. The league modifying the rookies vs. sophomores game to a U.S. against the World Team last year works perfectly outside America. Friday could be the only time Team World is the fan favourite.

"That's really cool," said Dallas Maverick and Toronto native Dwight Powell, who'll be on Team World. "I think it speaks to the globalization of the game, how many people it's touching across the world and the NBA specifically."

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OUR GUYS

Three Canadians — **Andrew Wiggins**, pictured, Dwight Powell and Trey Lyles — will play for the World Team against the U.S. in Friday's Rising Stars game.

Wiggins was the game's MVP last year in New York, thanks to a 22-point effort to lead Team World to a 121-112 win.

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IN BRIEF

Raonic unable to resume court training due to injury

Canadian tennis player Milos Raonic has been unable to resume on-court training due to a slightly torn adductor muscle that hampered his play in a semifinal loss to Andy Murray at the Australian Open last month.

Raonic had difficulty pushing off his right leg in the later stages of the four-hour match and Murray took the last two sets for the win. He said he has been able to do strength work and off-court training since then but hasn't hit balls because of the two-centimetre tear in the adductor. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sunderland fires Johnson after guilty plea in sex case

EPL club Sunderland has fired winger Adam Johnson after he pleaded guilty to grooming and sexual activity with a 15-year-old girl at the start of his trial.

Former Manchester City player Johnson, who has played 12 times for England, continues to deny two further counts of sexual activity with a child. Sunderland dismissed Johnson ahead of his trial.

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Canada's Sinclair focused on Olympics not Zika virus

Captain Christine Sinclair says the Canadian soccer team is thinking of other things than the Zika virus as it bids to qualify for the Rio Olympics.

"No. I haven't heard our team talk about it once, to be honest," she told a news conference Wednesday on the eve of playing Guyana at the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying tournament. "Our focus is (Thursday night) and that's pretty much where we're staying focused at."

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Reavie shoots 63 to lead at Pebble Beach Pro-Am

American Chez Reavie opened with an 8-under 63 at Monterey Peninsula to take the lead Thursday after one round of the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Some of the biggest stars had to settle for simply enjoying the sunshine.

Jordan Spieth surprisingly struggled with his short game and opened with a 71 at Spyglass Hill. Jason Day also had a 71 while Bubba Watson opened with a 73.

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Ticats hurt Argos with Owens counter-punch

CFL

After Bulcke chose Toronto Hamilton hit back instantly

Moments after losing Canadian defensive lineman Brian Bulcke to Toronto, Kent Austin delivered a timely counter-punch to the arch-rival Argonauts.

The Hamilton head coach/GM agreed to terms with former Argos standout Chad Owens on a one-year deal Thursday, less than an hour after Bulcke agreed to go to Toronto following three seasons with the Tiger-Cats.

Owens' contract details weren't available, but Toronto GM Jim Barker had said it would be financially challenging to re-sign the former CFL outstanding player.

"There's nothing we can do about it," Barker said Thursday regarding the prospect of losing a veteran in free agency. "It's going to happen every year." Toronto also lost free-agent kicker/punter Swayze Waters to the NFL's Carolina Panthers but gained Calgary Stampeders defensive back Keon Raymond on the third day of CFL free agency.

Toronto Argonauts' Chad Owens will be missed by the Toronto Argonauts faithful. MIKE F CAMPBELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

With Bulcke gone, Hamilton re-signed Canadian free-agent defensive lineman Michael Atkinson to a two-year agreement. For years, Owens was the face of the Argos. The five-foot-nine, 180-pound dynamo was named the CFL's outstanding player in 2012 after registering 94 catches for 1,328 yards and six touchdowns and amassing a record 3,840 all-purpose yards.

And the 33-year-old Hawaiian capped that season off by helping Toronto win the 100th Grey Cup at Rogers Centre. He signed a lucrative contract extension in June 2013 reportedly worth $225,000 annually and last year moved his family from Hawaii to live full-time in southern Ontario.

> **"There's nothing we can do about it.**
> Toronto GM Jim Barker on losing Chad Owens

But after missing just two games his first three years in Toronto, Owens has been sidelined for 17 regular-season games the last three seasons. In 2015, he finished with 55 catches for 570 yards and two touchdowns over 13 contests. Owens remained Toronto's leading punt returner — 37 returns, 12.6-yard average, one TD — but CFL rookie A.J. Jefferson (26 returns, 12.5-yard average, one touchdown) also performed admirably.

Shortly after agreeing to join the Ticats, Owens graciously thanked Argos fans for their support. "There isn't enough words to express the gratitude I have for the Toronto Argonauts," Owens tweeted.

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Promising young defenceman Morgan Rielly was preparing for his second season with the Toronto Maple Leafs when team captain Dion Phaneuf offered some advice.

During a conversation over dinner one night, Phaneuf told Rielly to ignore any talk from the media and fans that a sophomore slump was inevitable. He recounted his own experience with the Calgary Flames, when he followed up a Calder Trophy-nominated rookie season with 17 goals and 50 points.

Different perhaps from public perception, Phaneuf evolved into a well-respected leader during a six-year run in Toronto and his wisdom made an impression on Rielly.

It's that kind of leadership the Ottawa Senators hope Phaneuf can bring to their inexperienced defence. Senators general manager Bryan Murray said leadership and experience were crucial factors in the nine-player trade that landed Phaneuf in the nation's capital earlier this week.

Murray hopes Phaneuf will be a presence for his young stable of defencemen.

"He does a little bit of everything I think," Rielly said of Phaneuf's leadership skills. "He wants to make everyone comfortable, take care of guys."

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Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp butter
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- 1 Gala apple, peeled and thinly sliced
- 4 pieces of multi-grain bread
- 1/2 cup crumbled, aged cheddar

Directions
1. In a medium frying pan, melt butter over medium heat. Add garlic and sauté until garlic is translucent, about 2 minutes.
2. Toss in apples and sauté until soft, about 2 to 3 minutes. Remove apples and place on a clean pate.
3. In the same pan, place a slice of bread and then cover the top with the shaved cheddar. Lay slice of apple atop cheese and then cap with the other slice of bread. Cook until the underside becomes a gold brown then flip. Remove from the pan and serve when the cheese melts thoroughly and the top is also a golden brown. Repeat with other two slices of bread.

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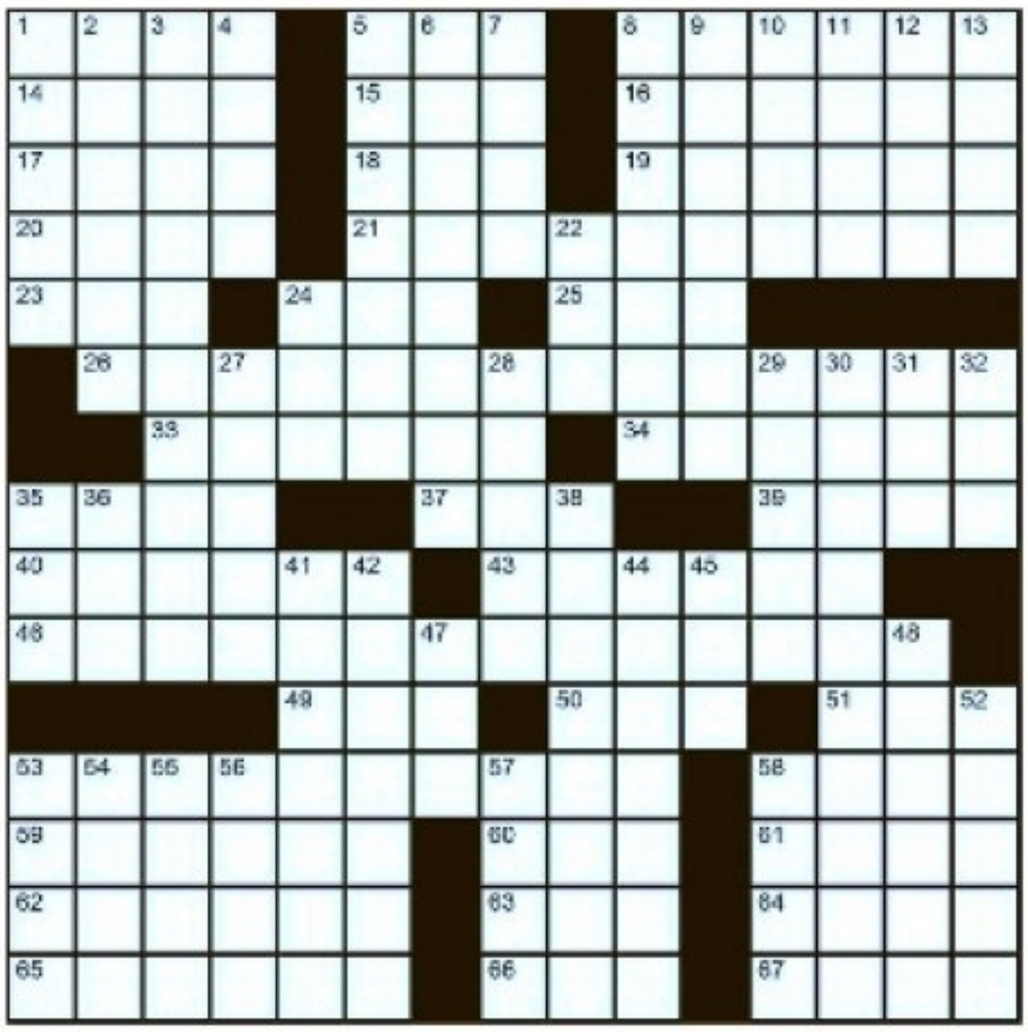

ACROSS
1. Cobras
5. FMs opposites
8. "_ House on the Prairie"
14. Shetland _
15. Allow
16. Kind of: 3 wds.
17. Additionally
18. Star's secret
19. Selection
20. Cobblestone
21. Song from the musical Hair: "_ England"
23. "Let me think..."
24. Car or truck, e.g.
25. Not him
26. Caribou, for instance: 2 wds.
33. Give
34. _ of Liberty
35. Particular
37. Camera variety, commonly
39. Puny physicians
40. Runway surface
43. Cats mystery writer, _ Jackson Braun
46. Super Channel show which is a nominee in the 'Best Comedy Series' category for the upcoming 2016 Canadian Screen Awards: 3 wds.
49. Apiece
50. Ron _ (Star of '60s series "Tarzan")
51. Cry
53. The workplace setting that 'Gottfried Brothers' is on the show at #46-Across: 2 wds.
58. "Dial _ _ Murder" (1954)
59. Anxiety
60. Coffee holder
61. Sacred Hindu text
62. _ burner (Lab device)
63. Flight schedule acronym
64. Fur
65. Gauge
66. Draperies bar
67. Leave in, in proofreading

DOWN
1. Flooded
2. Seriously sincere
3. Like some late artsy town
11. Bit of a jerk
12. Pretty material
13. Glancer
22. NBA Hornets city, for short
24. Irish singer Mr. Morrison
27. Fun-style parent
28. Lockups
29. Tea Leoni drama on CBS, "_ Secretary"
30. Where to have the world as a success: 3 wds.
31. Cote Saint-_, Quebec
32. The Outsiders author Ms. Hinton's
35. Addams Family relative
36. _ Chi (Martial Art)
38. Decrease of tempo, in music
41. Places in close proximity
42. Mark Twain's real surname
44. Frog's furniture: 2 wds.
45. Polar
47. Dadaist Jean
48. One-of-some in many soups
52. Benjamin of movies/TV
53. Marching band instrument
54. Burden
55. Hankerings
56. Instance
57. Tennis serving whiz
58. Trophy-receiving athletes, e.g.
20th-century architecture
4. Letter insertion site, sometimes
5. Town in southern Saskatchewan meaning 'Avenue of Trees'
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7. British WWII submachine gun
8. Caribou use their hooves to search for these food sources beneath the snow
9. Get left stuff via a will
10. New Mexico's

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Taurus April 21 - May 21
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Gemini May 22 - June 21
Expand your horizons. A long-distance trip would be an ideal way to make use of today's cosmic influences, but if that isn't possible at least broaden your mind.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
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Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You have far too many things going on at the moment. If a friend drops hints that they need your support you may feel obliged to give it but make sure they know there are limits.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your social life will blossom and you will be so in demand that you have to turn some invitations down. You will get on best with people in whose company you feel totally relaxed.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
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Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
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Celebrated Canadian Entrepreneur Sees Education as Gateway to an Enriched Life

Rumeet Billan was feeling unwell when she arrived in Kenya for a work trip in 2009. Her face was swollen and her stomach was far from settled. But, she wouldn't be able to meet all her commitments if she took some downtime — so she persevered. Billan made all her scheduled appointments over the next 10 days, even travelling along bumpy, unpaved roads to get to a few of them. People close to her weren't surprised. Work is not just a job for Billan — it's a passion.

While doing a degree in industrial relations and sociology, the Mississauga native worked part-time at Jobs in Education, an online job board that connects employers and job seekers in the education sphere.

She bought the company in 2004, while still an undergraduate student, and devoted some of the profits to building schools in developing countries in Africa and South America. Seeing the incredible impact these projects had on local communities was a life-changing experience for Billan and it encouraged her to do more. She made that memorable trip to Africa in preparation for the opening of a teachers' college, which she funded. The Toor Centre for Teacher Education opened its doors in a southern Kenya in May 2010.

Education is transformative

While building her business, Billan continued her studies. At the University of Toronto, she did a master's degree then pursued a PhD in higher education and leadership while doing a collaborative degree in the dynamics of global change at the Munk School of Global Affairs.

Convinced of the transformative power of education, Billan now teaches leadership courses at a leading college in Toronto, encouraging students who "want to make a difference."

Billan, who has twice made the Women's Executive Network's Top 100 list of Canada's Most Powerful Women, introduces the students to social entrepreneurship, which she describes as "a marriage between the private and public sectors."

She and other entrepreneurs in this space are able to generate revenue and make an impact, she says. As an example, she points to Embrace, a social enterprise that aims to help millions of premature and low birth-weight babies through a low-cost infant warmer.

"Social entrepreneurship is an inspiring space where the possibilities are truly endless," she says.

Inside and outside the classroom, Billan drives home the point that continuing education is the gateway to a more enriching life. "We're so privileged to have access to education and the ability to engage in experiences that can shape our perspective in a meaningful way," Billan says, adding that she had taken several continuing education courses herself. "Regardless of where you are in life — learning doesn't stop."

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Top: Rumeet giving a presentation at a TEDxNovaScotia event. Photo: TEDx NovaScotia

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Designing Success

The Unstoppable Prosperity of Entrepreneur Bruce Mau

The numerous accomplishments of Canadian designer Bruce Mau are something to be marveled at. As an entrepreneur he founded Bruce Mau Design in 1985. As an author he co-wrote the hugely popular *S, M, L, XL* with Rem Koolhaus and even served as creative director for *I.D. Magazine* in the early 90s. Still, these achievements only tell half the story of this innovative designer.

His origins are about as humble as it gets. Hailing from northern Ontario, Mau had no contact with the creative world in his formative years. It wasn't until he got into OCAD that he came across any like-minded individuals. "It was mind-blowing to meet other people like me," Mau recalls. "Other people who want to be artists, who want to be creative. They didn't want to kill animals, they wanted to photograph them."

Though Mau's time at OCAD was one of his first brushes with third-level education, it wasn't to be his last. Once established, Mau was approached by George Brown College to create a new kind of design course. It was here that Institute Without Boundaries was founded, the revolutionary design program that still runs today.

"I really wanted to make a purpose-driven, experience-based, entrepreneurial design education program," Mau explains. "I didn't want it to focus on content. Four years later the content is irrelevant anyway, especially today. The real content is experience. So, we designed an experience program. One where people would spend 12 months in the studio doing a project as a team. It wasn't in a classroom, there were no classes per se. But, when you have a real purpose, on a very public stage, then you will break the box to learn — because you're on the line."

The public stage in that inaugural Institute Without Boundaries program was a real space for Massive Change, the organization that Mau founded on the principles of optimism, beauty, and innovation. Since then the Massive Change philosophy — which even comes with its own 43-point manifesto — has attracted colossal clients such as Coca-Cola and Walt Disney. Currently, the organization's principles can be explored at the *Work on What You Love* exhibit in the Philadelphia Museum of Art until April of this year. After that, Mau intends to continue spreading the Massive Change method to other progressive enterprisers such as himself.

According to Mau, the key to all this success is being oblivious to fear. "It's not like I'm courageous, I just don't know the dangers. Entrepreneurs aren't more courageous than other people, they're just not aware of the risks."

The key to being a successful designer on the other hand is empathy. "You need to be able to experience someone else's pain, understand it, and then translate it into opportunity," says Mau. "In the end the designer is The Lorax, we speak for the trees. We're the advocate for the citizen, for the user."

In order to climb the ladder to success, like Mau did, it seems an equal measure of both is necessary.

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How the Right Combination of Ingredients Can Lead to a Successful Business

For most, becoming an entrepreneur may seem like an unattainable goal, a pipe dream even. These days, however, starting your own business is well within the reach of many people given the right ingredients.

Emily Wight, founder of Astarté Fresh Yogurt Bar, located in downtown Toronto's underground PATH network, is a prime example. Tired of the slow-moving corporate world, Wight started Astarté to gain more creative freedom and the ability to change things when she saw fit. This choice came with some challenges, but ones that were eventually overcome by the right levels of enthusiasm.

"If you're really passionate about the idea or the business that you're going to start, then it's a lot easier to succeed," Wight explains. "I think it's just about making sure that your dream and passion connects with reality. Couple that with some due diligence and proper planning and it's actually a lot of fun."

Though Wight's eagerness clearly played a huge part in her success, she's also gained a lot of help from Futurpreneur Canada, who have provided funding and guidance along the way. "Having someone you're accountable to, so you can show progress or check in with, is a really important part," says Wight. "I think you can stay in limbo for a long time with a good idea, until you actually execute it. Also, when you're on your own, you only have your opinion, and I think it's really helpful to bounce ideas off of other people."

"I think you can stay in limbo for a long time with a good idea, until you **actually execute it**."

As Astarté turns three, Wight has now firmly established herself as a successful entrepreneur, which allows for a different outlook on her business. "For me it doesn't even feel like a job anymore," says Wight. "I wake up and I'm energized and excited about what I've got going on."

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